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Morehouse Town Board Meeting

August 11th 2026

The Monthly Meeting for the Morehouse Town Board was called to order by Anthony Fernandez at 7pm on Tuesday August 11th, 2026. Supervisor Fernandez opened the meeting by leading the Town Board Members and the Members of the Public in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members present:	Members absent:
William Uebele	None
Sonya DeVuyst	
Brian Taylor	
Mary Ann Mosher	
Town Supervisor: Anthony Fernandez	
Town Clerk: Stephanie Tichenor	
Town Clerk Deputy: Brianna Bellidoro	

Members of the public present:

Sheryl Fleming	Debbie Bushnoe
Steve Babcock	David Uebele
Robert Ford	Lenny Croote
Wayne Fleming	Ryan Tichenor

Supervisor Fernandez opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments.

No questions or comments were presented.

Supervisor Fernandez closed public commentary.

Brian Taylor made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as printed from July 14th, 2026, town board meeting. William Uebele seconded it. Motion carried.

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AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Mary Ann Mosher	None	None
Sonya DeVuyst		
Brian Taylor		
William Uebele		
Anthony Fernandez		

William Uebele made a motion to accept Officers Reports. Brian Taylor seconded it. Motion carried.

Supervisor Fernandez's verbal report:

-Attention needs to be brought to budget requests. Workshops will be set up to discuss.

-Foresight Alarm came to assess the rec center for camera installation. We are waiting for a proposal from them to continue.

-Supervisor Fernandez attended the most recent county meeting, all towns were discussing revaluation regarding taxes. We are expecting a new tax evaluation coming in 2027 or 2028.

Highway Supervisor, Robert Ford's verbal report:

-Garbage pickup and transfer.

-Landscaping of necessary public spaces.

-Painted posts on the Morehouse sign.

-Built a flower box at the Highway Department, weeded the flower box in front of the rec center, and placed flags.

-Sand for winter is delivered and hauled up.

-Obtained materials for Morehouse Lake Rd. Robert Ford attempted to make contact with Charlie King regarding a new quote for blacktop. No response. Prep work will commence.

-The new town mechanic has the majority of the tools he needs. Supervisor Fernandez and Robert Ford will meet with him to discuss anything he may need going forward.

-The town UTV has been diagnosed with a transmission issue. Robert Ford and Moony (?) will be in connection to resolve this before winter.

-Come at the end of September, Robert Ford will be providing an inventory list of equipment.

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Mary Ann Mosher	None	None

Sonya DeVuyst

Brian Taylor

William Uebele

Anthony Fernandez

William Uebele made a motion to authorize payment of General Fund and Highway Fund invoice #s 7126 - 72526. Sonya Devuyst seconded it. Motion carried.

Highway Fund totaling $10,984.53 and General Fund totaling $8,350.65.

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Mary Ann Mosher	None	None
Sonya DeVuyst		
Brian Taylor		
William Uebele		
Anthony Fernandez		

Sonya Devuyst made a motion approving Resolution #26-8-1 Authorizing and Approving an Update of the Health Insurance Benefits Policy and Procedure for all Town Employees, Elected Officials, and Retirees. Seconded by Mary Ann Mosher. Motion carried.

A new policy created for clarity of coverage.

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Mary Ann Mosher	None	None
Sonya DeVuyst		
Brian Taylor		
William Uebele		
Anthony Fernandez		

Mary Ann Mosher made a motion approving Resolution #26-8-2, Setting the Rate for Travel Reimbursement. Seconded by Brian Taylor. Motion carried.

Effective July 1st, 2026. 76¢ will be reimbursed per mile.

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT

Mary Ann Mosher	None	None
Sonya DeVuyst		
Brian Taylor		
William Uebele		
Anthony Fernandez		

Mary Ann Mosher made a motion approving Resolution #26-8-3, Transfer of Funds and Payment of IRS Penalty from 2023. Sonya Devuyst seconded it. Motion carried.

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Mary Ann Mosher	None	None
Sonya DeVuyst		
Brian Taylor		
William Uebele		
Anthony Fernandez		

OLD BUSINESS

2022/2023 IRS Issue – Appeal is pending.

All Employee Mandatory Training – Date pending.

Town Garage Boiler – Still have not received a quote for the new boiler. Newly discovered well issues have deprioritized the purchase of said boiler. Current boiler is fuel inefficient but does work. Focus has been shifted to the well issues.

Town Museum - Currently have one quote with an October start time.

Town Hall Porch& Siding – Carpenter is obtaining a material list and building permit. Start date in September or earlier.

Flag Poles – Not put together yet.

Rec Center Kitchen Equipment – Inquiring with carpenter to pressure wash the ventilation system. A work session required to clean out the kitchen. Future discussion will be necessary on replacing the counters.

Updates on Cell Tower – Engineer was present and discovered unsatisfactory installation of rebar for the pylons. This was corrected. The tower is built and waiting for foundation completion. Currently waiting on National Grid for power. Delay ensued as there is a small creek that National Grid would not run wire over without new poles. To bypass this Lenny Croote obtained permits from the county to install a conduit under the creek to run the power that way.

BESS Battery Storage Facility – Local Law – In talks with the attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

Employee Handbook – Supervisor Fernandez completed the employee handbook and has provided copies to all board members. Supervisor Fernandez requested that everyone review this. A workshop will be set up this month to discuss and review. The handbook will be implemented by September 2026, town board meeting.

Town Water Wells / Drinking Water – Town garage and town hall currently have hand dug wells providing water. In-house tests have shown our water has failed due to bacteria content at both buildings and salt content at the town garage. This is deemed unsafe for consumption. Amber Water Supply will be coming to conduct further tests.

Fountain for Rec Center Pond – Supervisor Fernandez is in talks with a vendor. Power supply is being discussed.

Supervisor Fernandez opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments.

Sheryl Fleming asked if there was somewhere she could obtain the details of Resolution #26-8-1 (Authorizing and Approving an Update of the Health Insurance Benefits Policy and Procedure for all Town Employees, Elected Officials, and Retirees.) Town Clerk, Stephanie Tichenor, pointed her to the website for review of all resolutions. Supervisor Fernandez added that a 2009 – 2019 Bill was originally adopted for employee health insurance. This new resolution is a revamp of what was not clearly covered on that bill.

Town Clerk, Stephanie Tichenor, inquired about moving the pull off sign near Leons Rd. Many people seemed to be confused about where the pull off actually is. Supervisor Fernandez stated he will contact the state DOT to resolve this.

Supervisor Fernandez closed public commentary.

Mary Ann Mosher made a motion to Adjourn. Sonya Devuyst seconded it. Motion carried.

Truly Written by,

Brianna Bellidoro

Morehouse Town Clerk Deputy